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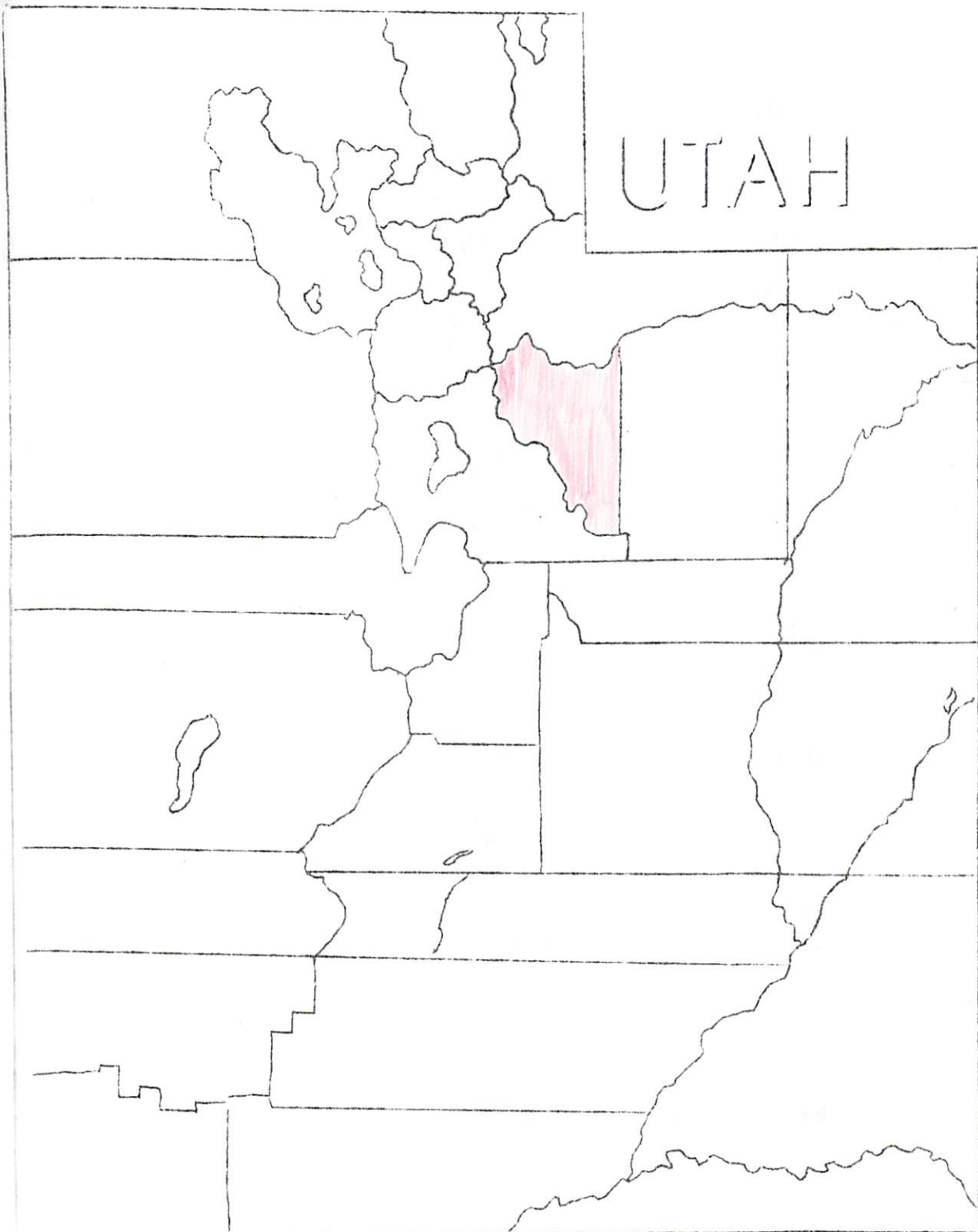
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appointed Roy D. Moulton as the first chief of police. The force included four policemen in addition to the chief, and with a radio equipped car they provided 24-hour protection. Lowell Thacker succeeded Mr. Moulton as chief, but held office only a short time before appointment of the present chief, Ferris Clegg.

Mayor Jaicoletti also expanded the city's water storage system, which was first constructed in 1905 under the direction of Mayor Joseph A. Rasband. The system was expanded to 1.5 million gallons of storage in 1952 and a chlorination purification plant was built to insure a pure supply of water for the community.

By 1953 Mayor Jaicoletti had begun a complete installation of sewage disposal lines in the city and the construction of a full treatment plant at a cost of \$325,000. Heber was the second of Utah's third class cities to install such a system.

Because the streets were almost completely torn up with the construction of the new sewer system the mayor began a complete resurfacing program and by 1955 the more than 21 miles of city streets had been resurfaced.

The city ball park was lighted in 1953 to accommodate night events, and in that year a new pumper was also purchased for the city fire department along with a portable first aid unit including two resuscitators.

The Wasatch County Youth Coordinating Council was established in 1953 through the cooperation of Ferrin Van Wagoner, superintendent of county schools. Then in 1954 the Little League Baseball Diamond was constructed with a complete water system for the grass.

Curb and guttering was extended along Main Street to the city limits on the south and to Sixth North, as well as along west First South.

Another pumper fire engine was purchased in 1955 at a cost of \$25,393.00, making the Heber valley department one of the best fire fighting units in the state.

Many other improvements have been made by Mayor Jaicoletti to add to the beauty of the city and to facilitate the services of city government to the people of the community.

Still another feature of governmental service in the community has been the post office. John W. Witt, who operated a small store in the northwest part of Heber, was the community's first postmaster, though he was never officially commissioned by the government. He would receive letters from Provo and Salt Lake, and hold them in his store until patrons called for them.

Organized mail service from the "outside world" was begun in 1862 when Isaac O. Wall began carrying mail on horseback during the summer months. No service was provided during the winter. In Spring months when high water in Provo River made it impossible for horses to cross, Mr. Wall extended a cable from trees on either side of the river and transferred mail pouches with the rider from Provo.

The first official postmaster, John Gallagher, was appointed in 1862 and served faithfully for several years. Helping carry the mail around 1870 were Joseph Stacey Murdock, who had a contract to haul mail from Provo to Echo by way of Heber and Kamas twice a week, winter and summer. Mose Cluff also carried mail for some time.

Succeeding Mr. Gallagher as Heber postmaster was Henry McMullin, Sr., who operated the post office in a room of his hotel where Ashton's Store now stands. The next postmaster was John Duncan, who was succeeded by Richard Bridge. Stage coach operations were begun about this time, and mail service was facilitated by daily stage runs



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